

**Enrolled Minutes of the Thirteenth Regular or Special Meeting
For the Twenty-Ninth Highland Town Council
Regular Plenary Business Meeting (Electronic)
Monday, June 22, 2020**

The Twenty-Ninth Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana met in its regular plenary session on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:30 O'clock P.M. in the regular place, the Highland Municipal Building, 3333 Ridge Road, Highland, Indiana.

This meeting was convened as an *electronic meeting*, pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04 and 20-09 allowing such meetings pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-3.6 for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, extended by Executive Order No. 20-30. All persons were meeting remotely on a Zoom platform that allowed for real time interaction, and supported the public's ability to observe and record the proceedings. When the agenda item provided for public comment, this was supported as well. Councilor Herak, while not required under the Governor's orders, was present on the premises of the plenary meeting room.

Pursuant to HMC Section 2.05.130(A)(2), the Town Council considered and reviewed the agenda in an informal proceeding. Once completed the Town Council moved to the full plenary meeting.

The Town Council President, Mark J. Schocke presided. The Town Clerk-Treasurer, Michael W. Griffin, was present to memorialize the proceedings. The meeting was opened with Councilor Bernie Zemen offering a prayer reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call Present on roll call were Councilors Bernie Zemen, Mark Herak, Mark J. Schocke, Thomas Black and Roger Sheeman. The Clerk-Treasurer, Michael W. Griffin was present to memorialize the proceedings. A quorum was attained. All participated electronically.

Additional Officials Present: (all electronically) John P. Reed, Town Attorney; John M. Bach, Public Works Director; Pete Hojnicky, Police Chief; William R. Timmer, Jr., CFOD, Fire Chief; Alex M. Brown, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Superintendent; Kathy DeGuilio-Fox, Redevelopment Director; and Kenneth J. Mika, Building Commissioner were present.

Also present: Larry Kondrat and Richard Volbrecht (electronically) of the Board of Waterworks Directors; and Ed Dabrowski IT (Contract) Director (electronically) were also present.

Guests: Theresa Badovich of the Idea Factory was also present electronically.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Councilor Zemen moved the approval of the minutes of the regular plenary meeting of June 8, 2020. Councilor Black seconded, upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The minutes were approved.

Special Orders:

1. **Consideration of Proposed Additional Appropriations:** (non-controlled funds) Proposed Additional Appropriations in Excess of the 2020 Budget for Downtown Allocation Area Fund.
 - (a) Attorney verification of Proofs of Publication: The TIMES 11 June 2020. The Town Attorney indicated that the proof of publication was in order.

(b) **Public Hearing.** The Town Council President called the public hearing order: The following comment was received:

1. Larry Kondrat, Highland, Indiana, inquired seeking clarification regarding the project that was to be funded by the proposed additional appropriation. He further sought to clarify the source as being solely from the resources on deposit to the credit of the Down Allocation Area. He was advised that it was confined to that source.

The Town Council President closed the public hearing.

(c) Action on **Appropriation Enactment No. 2020-29:** An Enactment Appropriating Additional Moneys in Excess of the Annual Budget for the Downtown Allocation Area Fund, all pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18, and I.C. 36-5-3-5, in the amount of **\$972,865.**

Councilor Herak introduced Enactment No. 2020-29 and moved for its consideration on the same meeting of its introduction. Councilor Zemen seconded. Upon a roll call vote, a unanimous vote being necessary, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The enactment could be considered on the same meeting of its introduction.

Councilor Herak moved for the passage and adoption of Enactment No. 2020-29 on the same meeting of its introduction. Councilor Sheeman seconded. Upon a roll call vote, a two-thirds vote being necessary, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The enactment was passed and adopted on the same meeting of its introduction.

**Town of Highland
Appropriation Enactment
Enactment No. 2020-29**

AN ENACTMENT APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEYS IN EXCESS OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET for the DOWNTOWN ALLOCATION AREA FUND, ALL PURSUANT TO I.C. 6-1.1-18, and I.C. 36-5-3-5.

WHEREAS, Following a public hearing advertised pursuant to I.C. 5-3-1, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was appropriated in the annual budget for the **Downtown Allocation Area Fund**;

WHEREAS, It has been determined that such additional appropriations as may be approved by this enactment, **will not increase the tax levies** set under I.C. 6-1.1-17, if any, all pursuant to I.C. 36-5-3-5;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

Section 1. That for the expenses of said municipality, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the **Downtown Allocation Area Fund** herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same:

DOWNTOWN ALLOCATION AREA FUND

Increase:

Account No. 098-0000-37700 Construction Eng. & Mngt:	<u>\$ 138,865.00</u>
Total Series:	\$ 138,865.00

Increase:

Account No. 098-0000-44000 Project Construction:	\$ 694,324.00
Account No. 098-0000-44001 Project Contingency:	<u>\$ 139,676.00</u>
Total Series:	\$ 834,000.00

Total for the Fund: \$972,865.00

Section 2. That the Clerk-Treasurer is hereby authorized and instructed to inform the Department of Local Government Finance of this action and that these monies be made available for expenditure pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-18.

Section 3. That in satisfaction and for the purposes of the provisions set out in I.C. 36-5-2-9.6, I.C. 36-5-3-5, I.C. 36-5-4-2, this enactment shall be deemed properly filed and introduced before the Town Council at a regular or special meeting, properly called and convened pursuant to I.C. 5-14-1.5 et seq.

Introduced and Filed on the 22nd Day of June 2020. Consideration on the same day or at same meeting of introduction sustained a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, pursuant to IC 36-5-2-9.8.

DULY ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 22nd Day of June 2020, by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

/s/ Mark J. Schocke, President (IC 36-5-2-10)

ATTEST:

/s/ Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5)

- 2. Proclamation of the Municipal Executive:** A Proclamation in Recognition of John M. Bach on the Occasion of his Two-score and eight years of municipal public service, two-score and six in the Town of Highland.

The Clerk-Treasurer read aloud the proclamation and the Town Council President announced his intention to adopt the proclamation with his signature.

The Town Council President offered encomia regarding the public works director, Mr. Bach, on his imminent retirement.

TOWN of HIGHLAND
PROCLAMATION of the TOWN COUNCIL EXECUTIVE

A PROCLAMATION in RECOGNITION of JOHN M. BACH on the Occasion of His Two Score and Eight Years as an Exemplary Public Servant and Proclaiming June 21st through June 27th, 2020 to be JOHN M. BACH Week in the TOWN of HIGHLAND



Whereas, There is a highly dedicated public servant in the Town of Highland, John M. Bach, who has recently concluded two score and eight years of value-added, highly dedicated public service, with two score and six years in high quality service to the people of the Town of Highland, culminating in his appointment as the third Public Works Director of the Town of Highland;

Whereas, John M. Bach did first join the Highland workforce on June 5, 1972, working continuously and conscientiously through April 1, 1989, and beginning in 1977 being promoted to supervisory roles, in which he had led the maintenance, street and water/sewer divisions;

Whereas, John M. Bach, upon his graduation from Purdue University Calumet, served as the town's first and only assistant town engineer from January 1987 through April 1, 1989;

Whereas, John M. Bach, accepted the invitation to serve as the Public Works Director in the Town of Griffith, April 2, 1989 and having served ably and honorably, was recalled to Highland and appointed the third Public Works Director of the Town of Highland, effective April 8, 1991, where he has served capably, and imaginatively as an exemplary appointed public executive;

Whereas, John M. Bach, has announced his intention to retire as Public Works Director, delaying the actual date owing to the public health pandemic and the added demands of the municipality, now formally noting he will officially conclude his current service on June 30, 2020;

Whereas, We commend and acknowledge John Bach has been a model civil servant and appointed public executive, making a great difference to this community and its residents, while highly respected by his

colleagues and peers;

Whereas, We commend and acknowledge John Bach, the public servant, who served as Highland's Public Works Director through nine separate town councils, from the twenty-first through the twenty-ninth town councils, managing the agency that provides potable water distribution, waste water management, storm water, solid waste management and roadway administration services, a span of authority unlike any other role in the municipality;

Whereas, We commend and acknowledge John Bach, the family man, whose shared life with his beloved wife Sue, and has grown in fatherhood and into grandfather hood with grace and joy;

Whereas, It is most appropriate that we recognize the dedication and commitment to community evidenced by many, many years of unbroken commitment to the practice of one's public craft and profession, to the care of one's family, to the life of his community of Highland and to countless challenges of service which he has cheerfully encountered and to which he has faithfully proffered his best;

Whereas, I and many others now say thank you to John M. Bach for "leaving his town greater than it was when he first started," which is consistent with the ancient Athenian Oath offered by its public servants at Delphi,

Now, Therefore, I, Mark J. Schocke, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, now hereby proclaim and recognize **June 21 through June 27** as **John M. Bach Week** in the Town of Highland;

Further, I extend appreciation to Mr. Bach, as the Town's Third Public Works Director, for his exemplary dedication to his community and I do wish him on the occasion of his retirement, great joy, health, and prosperity fortified by the warmth of a grateful community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto have set my signature and caused the corporate seal of the municipality to be affixed, this 22nd day of June 2020.

**TOWN of HIGHLAND, INDIANA
BY its TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

/s/Mark J. Schocke, Esq.

Attest:

/s/ Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CMFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer

Comments from Visitors or Residents:

1. Abigail Hiatt, Highland, Indiana, noted that she and her family recently moved to Highland located near the Hillside Funeral Home, 8941 Kleiman Road. She reported that there is still constant water standing on the Hillside Property and is not pumping out. She expressed concerns over mosquitos and whether this was the desired remedy.

A colloquy ensued. The Building Commissioner indicated that he would follow-up on the matter.

2. Larry Kondrat, Highland, expressed his concern over the Hillside Funeral Home matter and urged the Town Council to make a remedy.
3. Terry Steagall, Highland, noted that he sent an electronic message to the Town Council regarding Deferred Action on Children of Aliens (DACA) and asked the Town Council to consider passing a resolution supporting the DACA residents.
4. Richard Volbrecht, Highland, expressed concern over the Hillside Funeral Home water matter and urged the Town Council to make a remedy.

There were no further public comments.

Unfinished Business and General Orders:

- 1 Enactment No. 2020-31:** An Enactment Regarding the Disposition of Municipality's Pro-Rata Share on Deposit to the Credit of the Community Crossings Grant Fund, Authorizing its Transfer to the Corporation General Fund and Authorizing its Return to the Community Crossings Grant Fund, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3 et seq., and IC 36-1-8-12.

Councilor Black introduced Enactment No. 2020-31 and moved for its consideration on the same meeting of its introduction. Councilor Zemen seconded. Upon a roll call vote, a unanimous vote being necessary, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The enactment could be considered on the same meeting of its introduction.

Councilor Black moved for the passage and adoption of Enactment No. 2020-31 on the same meeting of its introduction. Councilor Zemen seconded. Upon a roll call vote, a two-thirds vote being necessary, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The enactment was passed and adopted on the same meeting of its introduction.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of HIGHLAND
ENACTMENT NO. 2020-31

An Enactment Regarding the Disposition of Municipality's Pro-Rata Share on Deposit to the Credit of the Community Crossings Grant Fund, Authorizing its Transfer to the Corporation General Fund and Authorizing its Return to the Community Crossings Grant Fund, pursuant to I.C. 36-1-3 et seq., and IC 36-1-8-12.

WHEREAS, The Town of Highland by proper legislative action has established a Community Crossings Grant Fund pursuant to IC 36-1-3, and IC 8-23-30, codified as Section 3.45.129 of the Highland Municipal Code;

WHEREAS, The Community Crossings Grant Fund, as a separate, discrete fund that hosts state based grant resources for which a local match is required, is governed by the provisions of IC 8-23-20 and IC 36-1-8-12 in its management of assets;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code 8-23-30-6 particularly provides that any eligible applicant, with a population of 10,000 or more, seeking the local road and bridge matching grant authorized under that law, must provide a fifty percent match;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to IC 36-1-8-12 (b), provides that when a political subdivision completes a project that was supported by a state grant that required local matching money, a separate fund shall be created to support the resources of the grant and its match and if there are resources remaining at the completion of a project, the remaining share of the state grant shall be remitted to the treasurer of state and the local share shall revert to the political subdivision's general fund;

WHEREAS, The Town of Highland is a political subdivision, pursuant to IC 36-1-2-13 and IC 36-1-2-10;

WHEREAS, The Town of Highland, has completed its 2019 qualifying project supported by a local road and bridge matching grant, coming under the estimated amount of the approved projects by \$27,825.50;

WHEREAS, The Town of Highland, pursuant to the provisions of IC 36-1-8-12, has identified \$13,912.75 as the appropriate share that will be returned to the State of Indiana, leaving \$13,912.75 to revert to the Corporation General Fund;

WHEREAS, The remaining share in the amount of **\$13,912.75** was anticipated and was contemplated as a component of the required local share to support the 2020 match for its projects identified to be funded by a local road and bridge matching grant, under IC 8-23-30;

WHEREAS, The Town of Highland highly desires to follow the law's prescription stating that the local remaining share reverts to the corporation general fund, yet at the same time, it also wishes to avoid the administrative inefficiency that would occasion the transfer of the \$13,912.75 from the Community Crossings Matching Fund to the Corporation General Fund only then to authorize its transfer back to the Community Crossings Fund again, to be part of the local share;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to IC 36-1-3-2, it is the policy of the State of Indiana to grant to local governments all the powers they need for the effective operation of government as to local affairs;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to IC 36-1-3-4(b), the Town of Highland has all the powers granted it by statute and all other powers necessary or desirable in the conduct of its affairs even though not granted by statute; and,

WHEREAS, Town Council of the Town of Highland now wishes to exercise such powers deemed necessary and desirable for the effective operation of the Town,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. That the Town Council hereby finds and determines the following:

- (A) That the Town Council did approve and obtain a local road and bridge matching grant for projects in 2019 totaling \$1,788,176.50, with the matching portions being in the amount of \$894,88.25, pursuant to IC 8-23-30 et seq.;
- (B) That after completion of all identified projects, the final costs for all tasks identified in the grant totaled \$1,760,351, leaving \$27,825.50 unexpended under the terms of the grant, rendering a share for the state in the amount of \$13,912.75 and the same amount for the Town of Highland;
- (C) That the Town Council further acknowledges that IC 36-1-8-12 (b), expressly provides that when a political subdivision completes a project that was supported by a state grant that required local matching money, ... if there are resources remaining at the completion of a project, the remaining share of the state grant shall be remitted to the treasurer of state and the local share shall revert to the political subdivision's general fund.;
- (D) That the state share in the amount of \$13,912.75 will be returned and remitted to the State upon receipt of an appropriate invoice from the Indiana Department of Transportation;
- (E) That, under the provisions of IC 36-1-8-12 the remaining share in the amount of \$13,912.75 at once reverts to the Town's corporation general fund, while at the same time was contemplated as a component of the required local share to support the 2020 match for its projects identified to be funded by a local road and bridge matching grant, under IC 8-23-30; and,
- (F) That the Town of Highland highly desires to adhere to the law's prescription stating the local remaining share reverts to the corporation general fund, yet at the same time, it also wishes to avoid the *administrative inefficiency that would occasion the reversion of the \$13,912.75 from the Community Crossings Matching Fund to the Corporation General Fund only then to authorize its transfer back to the Community Crossings Fund*, to be part of the local share for FY 2020;

Section 2. That owing to the foregoing findings and determinations, the remaining share on deposit to the credit of the Community Crossings Matching Fund in the amount of \$13,912.75 shall be deemed to have reverted to the corporation general fund, with this enactment providing a constructive, putative reversion;

Section 3. That further owing to the foregoing findings and determinations the reverted amount of \$13,912.75 shall be hereby deemed to be transferred from the corporation general fund to the community crossings matching fund to be part of the local match for the FY 2020 grant program;

Section 4. That, the provisions of this enactment are exercised as necessary and desirable for the effective operation of the town and to achieve administrative efficiency, while honoring the provisions of IC 36-1-8-12;

Section 5. That the money putatively reverted and then transferred may be expended from the Community Crossings Matching Fund, for purposes permitted by law, and after its appropriation in the manner set forth in IC 6-1.1-18.

Introduced and Filed on the 22nd day of June 2020. Consideration on same evening of introduction attained a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed, pursuant to IC 36-5-2-9.8.

DULY ORDAINED AND ADOPTED this 22nd day of June 2020 by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

/s/Mark J. Schocke, President (IC 36-5-2-10)

Attest:

/s/Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5)

2. **Resolution No. 2020-30:** An Exigent Resolution Providing For The Transfer Of Appropriation Balances From And Among Major Budget Classifications In The Municipal Cumulative Capital Development Fund As Requested By The Proper Officer And Forwarded To The Town Council For Its Action Pursuant To IC 6-1.1-18-6.

Councilor Zemen moved the passage and adoption of Resolution No. 2020-30. Councilor Black seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The resolution was adopted.

TOWN OF HIGHLAND
APPROPRIATION TRANSFER RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30

AN EXIGENT RESOLUTION PROVIDING for the TRANSFER of APPROPRIATION BALANCES from and AMONG MAJOR BUDGET CLASSIFICATIONS in the MUNICIPAL CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND as REQUESTED BY THE PROPER OFFICER AND FORWARDED to the TOWN COUNCIL for its ACTION PURSUANT TO IC 6-1.1-18-6.

WHEREAS, It has been determined that certain exigent conditions have developed since adoption of the original budget and it is now necessary to transfer certain appropriations into different categories than were initially appropriated for the various functions of the **Municipal Cumulative Capital Development Fund**;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana as follows:

Section 1. That for the expenses of said municipality, the following appropriations are hereby transferred and set apart out of the funds hereinafter named for the purposes specified, subject to the laws governing the same, such sums herein transferred unless otherwise stipulated by law;

Section 2. That it has been shown that certain existing unobligated appropriations of the **Municipal Cumulative Capital Development Fund**, which are not needed at this time for the purposes for which originally appropriated, and may be transferred to a category of appropriation in order to satisfy an existing need, as follows:

MUNICIPAL CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT Fund

Reduce Account:		
055-0000-39001 Principal Payments		\$ 10,765.00
	<i>Total 300 Series Reductions:</i>	\$ 10,765.00

Increase Account:		
055-0000-11133 Rehabilitation Labor		\$ 10,000.00
055-0000-11201 FICA & MEDICARE		765.00
	<i>Total 100 Series Increases:</i>	\$ 10,765.00

Total of Fund Decreases:		\$ 10,765.00
Total of Fund Increases:		\$ 10,765.00

DULY RESOLVED and ADOPTED this 22nd Day of June 2020 by the Town Council of the Town of Highland, Lake County, Indiana, having been passed by a vote of 5 in favor and 0 opposed.

TOWN COUNCIL of the TOWN of
HIGHLAND, INDIANA

/s/Mark J. Schocke, President (IC 36-5-2-10)

Attest:

/s/Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer (IC 33-42-4-1; IC 36-5-6-5)

3. **Authorizing the proper officer to publish legal notice of a public hearing:** Public Hearing to consider additional appropriations in the amount of \$250,000 in the Rainy

Day Fund and in the amount of \$6,696 in the **Park Non Reverting Capital Fund** and in the amount of \$113,297 in the **Gaming Revenue Sharing Fund**.

Councilor Black moved to authorize and instruct the proper officer to public legal notice of a public hearing as indicated. Councilor Herak seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The proper officer was authorized to public legal notice of a public hearing to consider the proposed additional appropriations as indicated.

Comments from the Town Council:

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- **Councilor Bernie Zemen:** • *Fire Department, Liaison • Liaison to the Plan Commission*

Councilor Zemen offered congratulations and complimentary remarks to John Bach, on the occasion of his retirement.

- **Councilor Mark Herak:** • *Budget and Finance Chair • Liaison to the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals • Town Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners, Liaison • Public Works Liaison.*

Councilor Herak congratulated all of the Highland graduates the best of luck.

Councilor Herak acknowledged the birthday of former Town Councilor and Town Council President Dominic Noce, turning 83. Councilor Herak also noted the birthday of Highland resident and clerk-treasurer daughter, Abigail, marking her 11th birthday.

Councilor Herak also reported that on June 24 the local American Legion Post 180 would be dedicating its new cannon.

Councilor Herak acknowledged the Public Works Director, who reported on the status of public works matters.

Councilor Herak acknowledged the Building Commissioner who provide a survey of matters before the Plan Commission and the Advisory Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilor Herak acknowledged the Police Chief who commented on the recently released public safety newsletter.

Councilor Herak offer extended remarks commending John Bach as public works director and recalling some notable events in his career.

- **Councilor Tom Black:** *Liaison to the Board of Sanitary Commissioners • Liaison to the Board of Waterworks Directors.*

Councilor Black thanked Mr. Ed Dabrowski for his hand in making a hybrid zoom streamed and in person meeting possible for the recent Plan Commission meeting.

Councilor Black congratulated Mr. John Bach on his many years of service and professionalism, wishing him well on his retirement.

- **Councilor Roger Sheeman:** *Chamber of Commerce Liaison • Liaison to the Community Events Commission • Information Technology Liaison • Redevelopment Commission Liaison • Tree Board liaison.*

Councilor Sheeman acknowledged the Redevelopment Director who offered a description of the redevelopment and improvement project for the south west corner

of Highway and Kennedy Avenue. She noted that bids were being received on Thursday, June 25, 2020.

Councilor Sheeman also expressed his best wishes to Mr. John Bach on his retirement as public works director. Councilor Sheeman offered additional compliments on his service.

- **Councilor President Mark Schocke:** *Town Executive • Chair of the Board of Police Pension Trustees • Park and Recreation Liaison.*

The Town Council President also expressed appreciation to Mr. Dabrowski and to Mr. Alex Brown as Parks and Recreation Superintendent for their hand in making a hybrid zoom streamed and in person meeting possible for the recent Plan Commission meeting.

The Council President acknowledged the Parks and Recreation Superintendent who offered a survey regarding forthcoming recreation programming.

The Town Council President also offered encomia to Mr. John Bach as public works director, referring to Mr. Bach as "Brett and Becky's Dad."

The Town Council President also noted that it was the Town Council's intention to invite him back for a more appropriate recognition of his service.

With leave from the Town Council, the Public Works Director was recognized to offer some valedictory remarks and remembrances. Mr. Bach recalled the late Robert Engerski, who was the Town Trustee who assisted with his hire as a laborer in 1972. Mr. Bach also recalled with favor Ronald Bradley, the second public works director, former Town Councilor Dennis Tobin, for his hand in hiring him as Highland's third Public Works Director; the late Paul Doherty, former Town Councilor and Clerk-Treasurer; Michael Griffin, the current Clerk-Treasurer; the late Jack Lannon, former General Supervisor in Public Works; Rhett Tauber, former Town Attorney; his entire staff noting Mike Pipta, Tim Gembala and John Mouratides; the residents of Highland and his wife Susan, who he expressed his deepest appreciation for marrying and supporting him in his career.

Comments from Visitors or Residents:

1. Rick Volbrecht, Highland, inquired about the status and progress on the retention pond at the Highland High School site near the football field.
2. Larry Kondrat, Highland, asked about the proposed senior housing development, sponsored by the Russell Group in the location north of the current Strack and Van Til Grocery Store, between Kleinman Road and Cline Avenue, currently seeking rezoning with the Plan Commission. Mr. Kondrat asked whether the proposed project was located in a tax allocation area or a redevelopment district. It was noted that there was an existing allocation area, the Commercial Corridor, that was extended to incorporate the prospective development.

Mr. Kondrat urged the Town Council to vote against the rezoning proposal. He further cautioned that adding more paving creates more issues with the watershed.

Payment of Accounts Payable Vouchers. There being no further comments from the public, Councilor Black moved to allow the vendors accounts payable vouchers as filed on the pending accounts payable docket, covering the period June 9, 2020 through June 22, 2020 as well as to ratify the payroll dockets for the pay-day June 05, 2020. Councilor Zemen seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and no negatives.

The motion passed. The accounts payable vouchers for the vendor docket were allowed, payroll docket and other payments allowed in advance were ratified, and for all remaining invoices, the Clerk-Treasurer was authorized to make payment.

Vendors Accounts Payable Docket:

General Fund, \$482,813.33; Motor Vehicle Highway and Street (MVH) Fund, \$18,780.22; Local Road and Streets Fund, \$10,882.77; Law Enforcement Continuing Education, Training, and Supply Fund, \$2,287.51; Hazardous Materials Response Fund, \$282.60; Gasoline Agency Fund, \$11,776.70; Information and Communications Technology Fund, \$2,943.46; Civil Donation Fund, \$670.00; Police Pension Fund, \$81,169.30; Municipal Cumulative Capital Development Fund, \$17,880.44; Traffic Violations and Law Enforcement Agency Fund, \$5,000.00; Municipal Cumulative Street Fund, \$837.50; Gaming Revenue Sharing Fund, \$49,000.00; Total: \$684,323.83.

Payroll Docket for payday of June 05, 2020:

Council, Boards and Commissions, \$0.00; Office of Clerk-Treasurer, \$16,164.33; Building and Inspection Department, \$8,583.62; Metropolitan Police Department, \$127,963.58; Fire Department, \$3,725.74; Public Works Department (Agency), \$73,039.87 and 1925 Police Pension Plan Pension Fund, \$0.00; Total Payroll: \$229,477.14.

Adjournment of Plenary Meeting. There being no further business before the Town Council, agenda having been completed, Councilor Zemen moved to adjourn and Councilor Sheeman seconded. Upon a roll call vote, there were five affirmatives and no negatives. The motion passed. The regular plenary meeting, convened electronically, of the Town Council of Monday, June 22, 2020 adjourned at 8:31 O'clock p.m.

All were wished a Happy John M. Bach Week.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/ACPFA/CPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer

Approved by the Town Council at its meeting of _____, 2020.

Michael W. Griffin, IAMC/MMC/CPFA/ACPFIM/CMO
Clerk-Treasurer